

Dallas Reacts With Shame to Slaying of Oswald

DALLAS—(AP)—In the space of 48 hours, this sparkling metropolis—while trying desperately to show its best face to the world—was degraded twice.

The first time, authorities said, it was by a no-ord-well, self-styled Communist with a mail-order title: Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, born in New Orleans, charged with the assassination Friday of President Kennedy.

The second time, it was by a small-time, brawling strip joint owner who killed the Communist despite a police cordon: Jack Ruby, 32, born Rubenstein in Chicago, who took it upon himself to act for the courts Americans cherish and shot down Oswald Sunday.

Dallas reacted with deep grief and shame to President Kennedy's death.

The reaction to Oswald's death was more complex. Some openly said the killing was a good thing. Others, however, thought it. But over most the weight of shame settled more heavily.

The burden of conscience became enormous. That it could happen here!

Dallas has a metropolitan population of more than 1 million. Its big growth came when Northern and Southern manufacturers began moving their industrial plants to the rolling prairies surrounding the city.

It is now a cosmopolitan city. Its people are from Texas—but also from Connecticut, Ohio, New York, Kansas, Oregon. It is the national meeting point of the Southwest.

Its women are superbly groomed, its fashion centers respected the world over, its clubs smart, its symphony and opera renowned.

Big Texas hats are seen rarely. There is little of the Old West left in Dallas.

But it is, indeed, a citadel of political conservatism.

Pravda, Moscow's organ of the Communist party, overtly derided the case against Dallas: "All America knows that the most reactionary, the wildest elements . . . have built their nests precisely in Texas."

But it struck an exposed vein.

Before the President's visit, Dallas was agonizingly conscious that only a month ago

Adlai Stevenson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was struck with a far right placard and spat upon—and that the new President, Lyndon B. Johnson, and his wife had been spat upon and jostled here in the 1960 election campaign.

For weeks, news stories quoting city leaders, editorials and letters to the editor had urged the people to behave, to lay aside bitterness and to welcome President Kennedy as befitting his office. The far right complied.

Then . . .

"This is a black mark Dallas will never live down," said one resident despairingly. That was the day the President died.

Sunday night . . .

"This thing is going to tear this town apart," a young woman said.

People avoid each other's eyes in elevators. The streets are quiet. Some clerks barely murmur as they serve you. And there are few customers. The bars are almost empty, and even the recognizable barroom characters talk quietly and stare into their beer.

Long lines of cars, carrying whole families roll slowly past two landmarks: the underpass

entrance where the President was shot, and the police department ramp where Oswald was shot.

Before it drops into the underpass, the street runs briefly through a small park with white columns rising above the grass.

On the small grassy slope Sunday were two wreaths. A card on one said: "In memory of our beloved President, John F. Kennedy. From the bereaved citizens of Dallas." The other said simply: "We are all so sorry."

The concrete where Oswald fell mortally wounded lay bare and cold in the night.

Cab drivers with their universal ability to spot strangers do not hesitate to offer abject apologies.

"I got a hard knot in my belly," one told a passenger. "I love Texas. I have been in a lot of places where there are nuts. I never thought we had these kind of nuts in Texas. Stupid . . . stupid . . ."

Mayor Earle Cabell knows his city's conscience and he has declared:

"This still should not reflect on the image or character of Dallas. . . . I challenge anybody to say this reflects the character of the people of Dallas. . . ."

But Cabell does not ignore tragedy's impact: "We know it will be hurtful. But the whole community must not be made to suffer for this deed."

Friday afternoon many churches opened their doors and have kept them open so the people can go when they want to pray and meditate. The churches overflowed at the hour when Oswald was being shot.

Pastors used words like those of William H. Dickinson Jr., minister of Highland Park Methodist Church, largest of that denomination in the world:

"In this ironic that the suspect for the attack on President Kennedy . . . is a pro-Communist, an extreme leftist—when only recently our city made headlines with the activities of the extremists from the far right at the time of Ambassador Adlai Stevenson's visit?"

"But if that, fact is ironic, it is also prophetic."

"Hate knows no political loyalty. . . . Collectively, the city examined its conscience.

Had Ironclad Case Against Oswald, Says District Attorney



HENRY WADE DESCRIBES CASE AGAINST LEE OSWALD. The district attorney for Dallas County, left, said Oswald was the assassin. "There is no doubt in my mind."

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DALLAS, Tex.—Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, died without confessing the assassination of President John F. Kennedy but police here said they had enough evidence to support his conviction and execution.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, several hours after Oswald was slain by a Dallas night club owner, Jack Ruby, 32, detailed evidence against Oswald, filling in some of the investigative gaps.

MAP OF ROUTE

Early Monday Wade also confirmed discovery of a map in Oswald's apartment which traced the presidential motorcade route taken Friday by

President Kennedy and carried X-marks on the plan of downtown Dallas.

The map, it was reported, where Oswald was employed—down to the street where the President and Gov. John Connally of Texas were shot.

Although Wade and Dallas Police Chief J. E. Curry suggested that the Oswald case was closed with his death—that further investigation would be made—federal officials have asserted otherwise.

A Justice Department official has been sent to Dallas and President Johnson has ordered a complete government probe even traced the trajectory of President Kennedy's death.

Dallas Police Chief J. E. Curry issued the following written statement Monday morning:

"When the investigation in the case of Lee Harvey Oswald is completed insofar as the Dallas Police Department is concerned, we intend to make the entire file public, unless federal authorities specifically request no further investigation be turned over to them."

"Unless we are specifically

instructed otherwise from Washington, we believe it can and should become public information. At this time we cannot designate when the release will be made."

Following is a summary of the evidence which Dallas police said was strong enough to convict and execute Oswald for the assassination.

The Italian-made Carcano rifle identified as the weapon which killed the President has been traced to a Chicago mail order firm, handwriting on the order for the weapon is identical to Oswald's, although the pistol strapped to his waist, President

Congress Is Urged To Hold Own Probe Of Assassination

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A high-level congressional investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination was suggested Monday—now that the facts cannot be put on record by a trial of the man accused of firing the fatal shots.

Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana, assistant Democratic leader of the House, said in an interview: "There should be a congressional investigation. It should be a blue-ribbon inquiry, far above any suggestion of partisanship."

Boggs said the killing Sunday of Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, who

'Kennedy Corps' Name Urged

MANILA — (UPI) — The Philippines Herald suggested Sunday in an editorial that the U.S. Peace Corps be named after the late President John F. Kennedy.

"The Peace Corps perhaps best symbolizes the late President's great love for peace and dedication to its cause," the Herald said. "Nothing could be more fitting, therefore than that its name should now be changed to 'Kennedy's Corps' by way of tribute to Kennedy's labors for peace."

Russians See Film Of Kennedy Slaying

MOSCOW—(AP)—Millions of Russians Monday watched a television documentary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the fatal shooting of the man accused as his assassin.

The documentary included the great trial of Oswald, held in Houston, his motorcade through Dallas and an interview with a man who, with his small son, saw the fatal bullet strike Kennedy. There followed the scene in the basement of the Dallas jail where Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby.

Stunned Millions Across U.S. See Assassin Suspect Slain

MILLIONS of television viewers throughout the nation watched in stunned horror Sunday as a murder was committed. It undoubtedly was the first time so many people witnessed a real-life homicide.

But many looked beyond the grisly aspects of the spectacle to find in the deed some type of justice worked against Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused, but not convicted, of assassinating President Kennedy only two days before.

The overwhelming majority of those polled by the Associated Press looked upon Oswald's slaying by Dallas nightclub proprietor Jack Ruby as a frightening revolt against the American code of justice.

Many thought the murder mirrored a breakdown in the moral standards of the nation. Clergymen condemned it as a serious breach in Christian ethics.

Still others saw in Oswald's death a practical loss. They wondered aloud whether the world ever would know if the true presidential assassin had paid for his crime.

In Dallas, Tex., where the slaying of both the President and his suspected killer took place, some openly cheered the killing of Oswald. But many more, along with the clergy and civic leaders, denounced the slaying as an unlawful and damaging act.

In Albany, N. Y., an unidentified woman telephoned a newspaper office to recommend that Ruby be given the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"Good," said Chicago cab driver Carl Moore. "It was justified. The man who did it was a nut. But he (Oswald) got what he deserved."

Most of those polled expressed belief in the principle of American law stating that a man is innocent until proven guilty.

They felt that man still innocent in the eyes of the law had been slain at the hands of a murderer.

Holland R. O'Hare, district attorney of Detroit, Mich., expressed fear that "due process of the law is on the verge of becoming a victim of assassination."

Mayor Earle Cabell of Dallas issued an ur-

gent appeal "for all of us to come to our senses, to resist hysteria."

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America and chairman of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, said:

"Life, as the gift of God, deserves to be respected far more than it is, and self-control ought to be restored to its rightful standing among the Christian graces where the Bible puts it."

Dr. Fredrik A. Scholz, president of the American Lutheran Church, said the slaying of Oswald was an act of insane barbarity and added:

"We bow in shame and sorrow that this deed could be done among us."

Barbara Smiet of Chicago said "Now maybe somebody will shoot the guy who shot Oswald. What are they gaining by it?"

At a downtown Phoenix hotel, waitress Alice Colletta said she found little concern among her customers for the slayings of Oswald.

"He would have got what was coming to him if he was guilty," she said.

"Personally, I felt like killing him myself. Mario, but this killing didn't prove anything. Police never got him to admit killing the President."

But Harry Lahn, a Manhattan furniture dealer, said "He got just what he deserved. I think I'd of done the same thing, but I wouldn't have the guts to do it."

Adolph Wilfred of the Bronx, had some doubts.

"I don't believe that I want that man dead," he said. "I leaves it all uncertain."

A Charleston, W. Va., Baptist clergyman, the Rev. John J. Wilkes, said, "It seems to me that this is proof that hatred sows hatred."

Dr. Jacob Milgrom, of Temple Beth-El, Richmond, Va., pictured the slaying as evidence of a possible corrosion of the American temper.

"I just hope to God he was the guilty man," one unidentified New Yorker said. "That's all we have now. It doesn't wipe this terrible thing away. But we can hope and hope the wrong man wasn't slain."



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